

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3712

PATENT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0071/007001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masamitsu NAKAMINAMI et al.

Art Unit: 3712

Application No. 09/849,437

Examiner: Miller, B.

Filed : May Title : MAC

: May 7, 2001 : MACHINE TOOL

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004, applicants hereby submit the enclosed papers including an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

The required fees are calculated below:

Total Claims 8 - 20 = 0Independent 5 - 4 = 1

\$0.00 \$84.00

TOTAL FEE DUE:

\$84.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0071/007001. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ENCLOSED. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 19, 2004

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